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Date: January 30, 2007

Subject: *Record of Decision for the Commercial Pack Station Reissuance for the Sierra National Forest*

Dear Interested Parties:

We are pleased to announce the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Commercial Pack Station Reissuance for the Sierra National Forest and Trail Management Plan for the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness. The Final Environmental Impact Statement is enclosed with the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Commercial Pack Station Reissuance. The goal of this planning effort was to analyze and disclose the effects and environmental impacts of commercial pack stock operations and activities to seven existing Special Use Permit holders on the Sierra National Forest.

The services as proposed would occur on the Sierra National Forest in the Ansel Adams, John Muir, Dinkey Lakes and Kaiser Wildernesses and non-wilderness portions of the Sierra National Forest. This FEIS tiers to the 2005 Record of Decision for the Trail and Commercial Pack Stock Management Plan EIS for all activities and uses proposed in the AA and JM Wildernesses.

After considering the analysis and public input, we have selected Alternative 3, Destination Management.

The full document includes three volumes. The Commercial Pack Station Permit Reissuance Record of Decision provides an executive summary of the project, the Destination Management Strategy; and the Monitoring and Evaluation Summary. Volume 1 contains Chapters 1-4, Volume 2 contains the appendices.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215. Only those individuals and organizations who submitted written or oral comments during the 45-day comment period (36 CFR 215.6) and otherwise meet the specific requirements of 36 CFR 215.13 have standing to appeal. Appeals must be filed within 45 days from the publication date of this notice in the Fresno Bee. Notices of appeal must meet the specific content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. An appeal, including attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, e-mail, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the appropriate Appeal Deciding Officer (36 CFR 215.8) within 45 days following the publication date of this notice. The publication date of this notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time period to file an appeal (36 CFR 215.15) (a)). Those wishing to appeal should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

The appeal must be filed with the Reviewing Officer:

Bernie Weingardt, Regional Forester  
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The phone number is (707) 562-8737. Appeals may be submitted by FAX (707)562-9091 or by hand-delivery to the Regional Office, at the address shown above, during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm). Electronic appeals, in acceptable [plain text (.txt), rich text 9.rtf) or Word



(.doc)] formats, may be submitted to: [appeals-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us) with Subject: Commercial Pack Stock Permit Reissuance FEIS for the SNF. E-mail or hand delivered comments must be received by April 2, 2007.

For questions on the project or document, please contact Kim Sorini-Wilson, Sierra National Forest ID Team Leader, at (559) 855-5355 ext.3328.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Edward C. Cole*  
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Enclosure